Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) released the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's State of the Nation address to Congress. "Ton ight President Obama showed Americans the qualities that have been missing for too long from government: honesty, accountability, and responsibility. President Obama presented to us an honest assessment of where America is now and the blueprint of how we are going to get where we want to be economically. Getting there is going to require some tough choices, but the economy will recover and America will get back on its feet. I applaud the President's focus in the three areas most critical to our future prosperity: energy, health care and education." -30-